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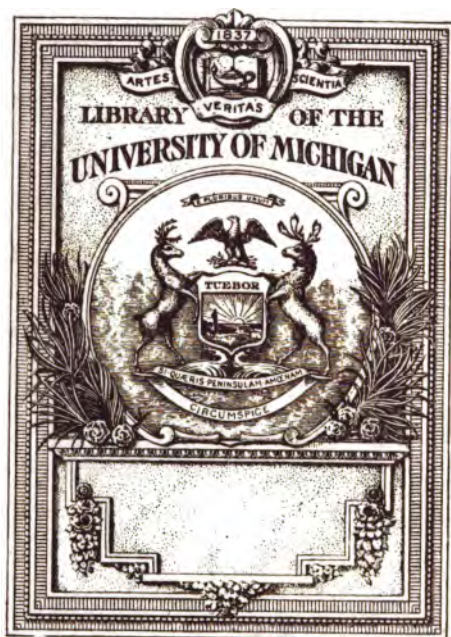
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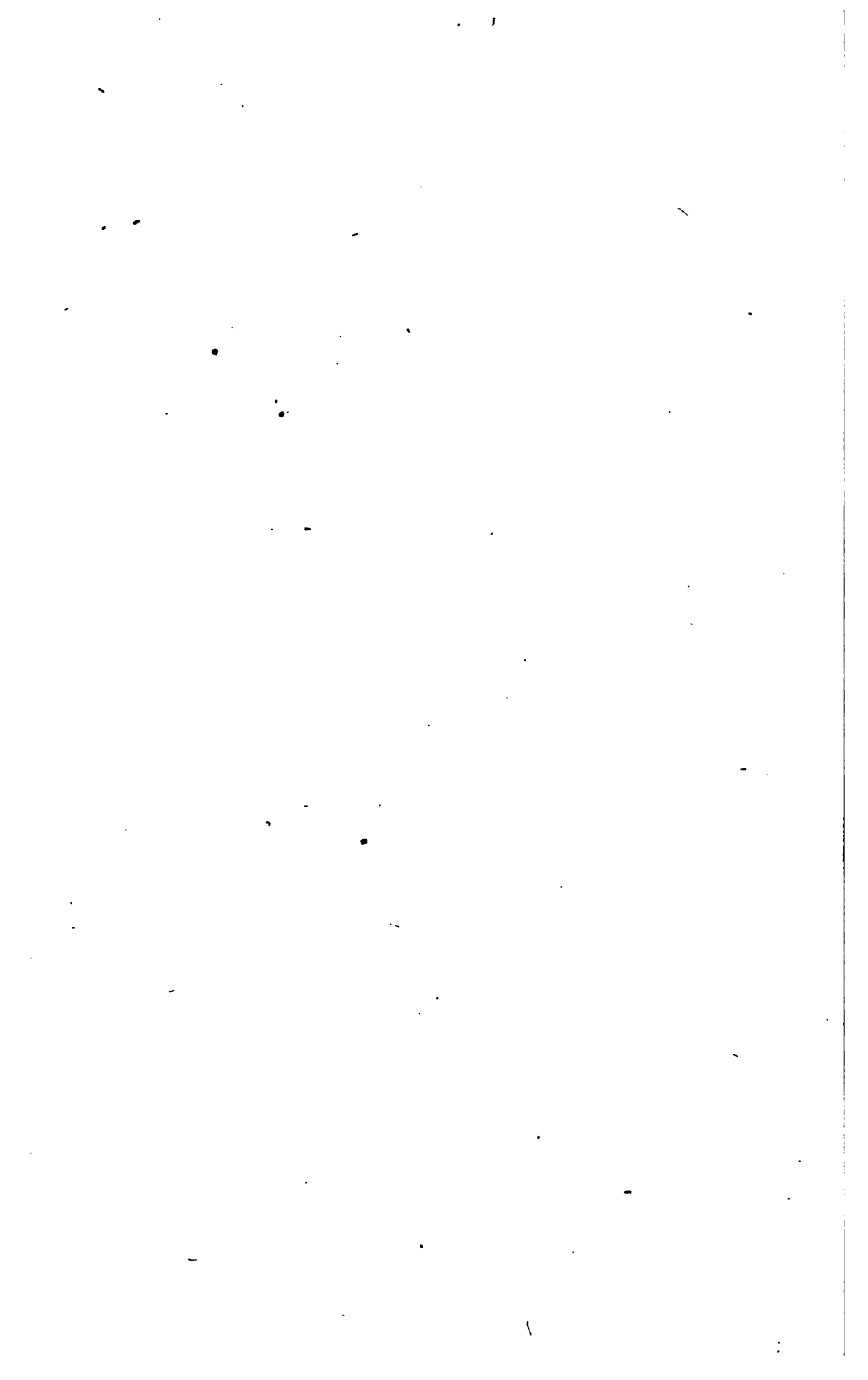
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GENERAL ORDERS }
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U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, September 19, 1916.

1. The following regulations governing the detail of officers and noncommissioned officers to schools and colleges under the provisions of section 56 of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, and the issue of arms, tentage, and equipment thereto, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Sec. 56, act of Congress approved June 3, 1916:

SEC. 56. *Military equipment and instructors at other schools and colleges.*—Such arms, tentage, and equipment as the Secretary of War shall deem necessary for proper military training shall be supplied by the Government to schools and colleges, other than those provided for in section forty-seven of this act, having a course of military training prescribed by the Secretary of War and having not less than one hundred physically fit male students above the age of fourteen years, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to detail such commissioned and noncommissioned officers of the Army to said schools and colleges, other than those provided for in section forty-five and forty-six of this act, detailing not less than one such officer or noncommissioned officer to each five hundred students under military instruction.

2. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.—The schools and colleges referred to in section 56 above include all those educational institutions, public or private, which do not maintain units of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. There must be enrolled at the institution not less than 100 physically fit male students above the age of 14 years.

3. STUDENTS UNDERGOING MILITARY INSTRUCTION.—The proper authorities of the institution must agree to maintain under the prescribed military training not less than 100 physically fit male students above the age of 14 years. They must further agree that any student who enters upon the prescribed course of military training shall be required to continue the training for the remainder of that academic year, as a prerequisite for graduation or promotion from that year's course, unless excused therefrom for physical disability, which fact shall be established by a certificate from a reputable physician to that effect.

4. TIME DEVOTED TO MILITARY INSTRUCTION.—The proper authorities of the institution must agree to allot and require an

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average of not less than three hours a week per school year to the prescribed course of military training.

5. **PRESCRIBED COURSE OF MILITARY TRAINING.**—The instruction given to those students taking the first year's course of military training must include the following subjects as a minimum:

- (a) Nomenclature and care of the rifle and equipment.
- (b) Infantry drill regulations; close and extended order, to include the schools of the soldier, squad, and company.
- (c) Instruction in firing the rifle, to include gallery practice.

6. **ADDITIONAL MILITARY TRAINING.**—Every effort should be made to offer to those students who have satisfactorily completed the course of training set forth in the preceding paragraph a further and progressive course of military instruction which should follow, as nearly as the facilities at the institution permit, the infantry courses prescribed for students of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Information relative to these courses is contained in The Reserve Officers' Training Corps Regulations, a copy of which may be obtained from the department commander (see pars. 33 and 34). These regulations should be carefully studied and the policy and method of training outlined therein should be used as a guide and as far as practicable be carefully adhered to.

7. Instruction in branches of the military service other than infantry will not be sanctioned unless the infantry instruction and training at the institution are found upon inspection by officers designated by the department commander to have reached a satisfactory plane of efficiency.

8. When any student severs his connection with the institution he should be given a certificate stating what military training he has satisfactorily completed.

9. **MILITARY INSTRUCTORS.**—In so far as the exigencies of the service permit, officers and noncommissioned officers of the Army, active or retired, will be detailed under section 56 of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, as follows:

(a) Officers, active or retired; one to each institution, and where the institution has more than 500 students under military instruction, one additional officer for each additional 500 students, or major fraction thereof.

(b) Noncommissioned officers, active or retired; one to each institution, and where the institution has more than 250 students under military instruction, one additional noncommissioned officer for each additional 250 students, or major fraction thereof.

10. The duties of officers and noncommissioned officers, either active or retired, detailed by the War Department to educational institutions under section 56 of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, are solely those of instructors in the military course of training prescribed by the Secretary of War, and they will not perform any other duty at the institution or take a course of instruction thereat, except that an officer of the Army may perform the duties of commandant of cadets. Clerical labor connected with the issue, care, and accountability of Government property, and manual labor connected with the care and repair of such property must be provided by the authorities of the institution.

11. When one or more officers are detailed by the War Department to an educational institution, the senior shall be the head of the Department of Military Training. All other officers detailed by the War Department to said institution shall be directly under his orders and control in all matters pertaining to their military duties at the institution. On arriving at the institution for duty the senior officer shall report to the head of the institution and thereafter his status and relations with the institution shall be the same as are those of the head of any other department of the institution.

12. When no officer is detailed by the War Department to the institution, there shall be designated by the authorities of the institution a suitable person to be the head of the Department of Military Training, whose status and relations with the institution shall be the same as are those of the head of any other department of the institution.

Noncommissioned officers detailed by the War Department to the institution shall report to and be under the supervision of the head of the Department of Military Training.

13. When no officer is detailed by the War Department to the institution, the department commander must be satisfied that the head of the Department of Military Training designated by the authorities of the institution is qualified for his duties.

14. ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE.—Students under military training will be organized into companies, battalions, and regiments of Infantry, the organization, drill, and administration of which shall conform as far as practicable to that prescribed for similar units of the Regular Army. The strength of Infantry companies should not be less than 50 nor in general, more than 80 students.

15. All rules and orders relating to the organization, discipline, and government of the military students, the appointment, promotion, and change of officers, and all other orders affecting the military department, except those relating to routine duty, will be made and promulgated by the head of the Department of Military Training after being approved by the chief administrative officer of the institution.

16. Discipline will be maintained at all times when the students are undergoing military training.

17. **ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.**—Before Government property of any description is issued under section 56 of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, it must appear affirmatively that the institution to which the issues are to be made has proper facilities for the care and safe-keeping of such property.

18. No issue of Government property will be made until the authorities of the institution file a bond with the Quartermaster General in the sum of the value of the property, providing that the institution shall take good care of and safely keep and account for the same, and shall, when required by proper authority, duly return same in good order within 30 days to such officer as the proper authority may designate.

19. All Government property issued to the institution must be kept insured for its full invoice value against loss by fire for the benefit of the United States by the authorities of the institution, and the department commander promptly informed when and where the insurance is placed and date of expiration.

20. The following arms, tentage, and equipment are designated for issue to educational institutions under section 56 of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, the model depending upon the available supply:

For each student undergoing military training: 1 rifle (complete), 1 gun sling, 1 cartridge belt, 1 bayonet scabbard, 1 haversack, 1 canteen, 1 cup, 1 knife, 1 fork, 1 spoon, 1 meat can, 1 shelter half, 1 shelter tent pole, 5 shelter tent pins.

For each 300 sets or fractions thereof of equipment issued, the issue of 1 ordnance property stencil, cut with the initial of the institution, and 1 number stencil for stenciling numbers $\frac{1}{4}$ inch high, is authorized.

21. The Cavalry saber and scabbard of old design and the non-commissioned officer's sword and scabbard with necessary attach-

ments may be issued for the use of student officers and noncommissioned officers.

22. For every 15 students participating in gallery practice, one gallery practice rifle, caliber .22, and necessary accessories, may be issued.

23. For every 15 students participating in range practice, one United States rifle, caliber .30, model 1903, complete with gun sling, may be issued in case the student body is not equipped with this model.

24. For each student undergoing military training the following allowance of ammunition, targets, and target supplies is established:

(1) Forty rounds of rifle ball cartridges for each range, but not to exceed 120 rounds.

(2) Sixty rounds gallery practice cartridges, caliber .22, where gallery practice is held in addition to range practice.

(3) One hundred and twenty rounds gallery practice cartridges where gallery practice is held and no rifle ball cartridges are to be supplied during the fiscal year.

(4) Twenty rounds of rifle blank cartridges.

(5) For any institution, such targets and target supplies as may be desired, but such issue will be made only in lieu of a corresponding monetary reduction of the ammunition allowance as determined for that institution.

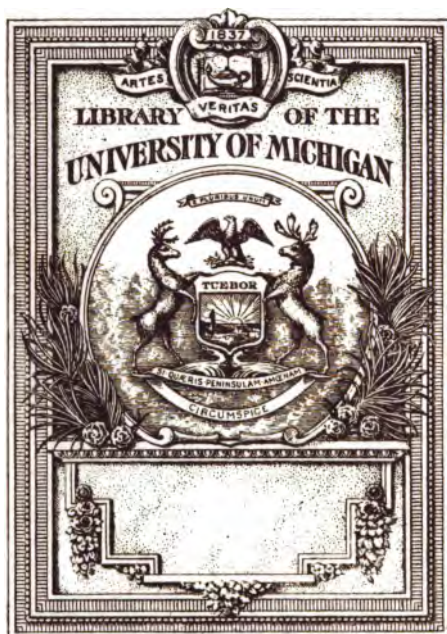
The issue of one kind of ammunition in lieu of another kind is not authorized.

No credit will be given for fired shells, empty ammunition boxes, etc.

Any additional ammunition needed must be procured by colleges at their own expense, either by purchase from the United States or from private manufacturers.

25. Institutions to which Government property is issued are required under their bond to keep said property in a good and serviceable condition. For this purpose the Government will issue to the institution a proper annual allowance of spare parts, implements, appendages, and cleaning material. If this allowance is exceeded, the excess must be purchased by the institution and may be obtained from the Government at cost price, the cost of transportation to be borne by the institution.

26. The following instructions concerning the use of the ordnance property stencil are published for the information and



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42. Upon receipt of the preceding application, the department commander will, as soon as practicable, detail an officer of the Army to visit and inspect the institution. This officer should, in general, be an officer on duty at the nearest educational institution. If the inspection indicates that the institution is entitled to the benefits of section 56 of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, requisitions will be prepared at department headquarters for the arms, tentage, and equipment to be issued, and the necessary copies thereof furnished to the institution for signature. After being signed, the requisition will be forwarded to the War Department with remark and recommendation of the department commander. After the value of all property that will be issued to institutions has been decided upon at the War Department, a bond in the value of all Government property to be issued will be furnished by the institution to the Quartermaster General. Upon receipt by the Quartermaster General of the bond properly executed, shipment will be made of the property, including the annual allowance of spare parts, etc., referred to in paragraph 25 of these regulations. Such shipments will be made on regular form of Government bill of lading at the expense of the United States. Such blank forms and instructions will be furnished to the institution as are necessary to properly care and account for Government property.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

H. L. SCOTT,

Major General, Chief of Staff.

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H. P. McCAIN,

The Adjutant General.

